

Appl. No. 10/664,318

Amdt. Dated December 16, 2004

Reply to Office Action of September 20, 2004

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In paragraph no. 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner requested that "100 to 110" be corrected to "110 to 120" in paragraph [0018] of the specification. The following corrected paragraph is offered in accordance with this request.

Please replace paragraph [0018] as follows:

[0018] It is preferred that the loading of the blades 24, from hub 26 to the blade tip, be non-uniform. Non-uniform blade loading permits a shorter blade length, and thus contributes to an overall shortening of the flowpath. The total blade weight is preferred to be in the range of about ~~100 to 110~~ 110 to 120 lbs with 114 lb being preferred. Total blade area is preferred to be in the range of about 800 to 900 in² with 854 in² being preferred. Preferred blade length for the blades 24, and position within the flowpath, is illustrated in Figure 4.

It is noted that this amendment does not constitute the introduction of new matter.

Originally filed claim 2 provides the 110 to 120 lb weight.